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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1958.

TO THE CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE PERSHORE
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the state of the Public Health in the Rural District of Pershore for the year 1958, and the work carried out by your Health Department.

I wish to thank members of the Council and their Staff for their help and consideration during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

E.T. SHENNAN, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

"The Croft",
Station Road,
Pershore.

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SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres	57,801		
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (Census, 1951 - 16,355)	Mid 1958	-	16,860
	Mid 1957	-	16,440
Number of inhabitated houses	End of 1958	-	5,482
	End of 1957	-	5,466

Rateable value, 1st April, 1958 - £181,583
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate £ 713

Population and Acreage by Parishes.

Parishes	Acreage	Population 1951 Census.	Estimated 1958.
Abberton	999	72	75
Besford	1383	393	393
Birlingham	1272	318	322
Bishampton	1910	309	316
Bredicot	399	36	36
Bredon	3187	1028	1041
Bredon's Norton	1016	159	172
Bricklehampton	914	186	196
Broughton Hackett	386	146	150
Charlton	1619	464	462
Churchill	670	30	30
Comberton, Great	965	232	236
Comberton, Little	790	225	230
Cropthorne	1518	416	420
Defford	1691	466	466
Dormston	820	66	70
Drakes Broughton & Wadborough	3361	497	497
Eckington	2165	683	686
Elmley Castle	2062	310	322
Fladbury	1573	589	592
Flyford Flavel	692	116	126
Grafton Flyford	1680	202	202
Hill and Moor	1368	445	450
Pershore	2778	3597	3905
Kington	1071	111	116
Naunton Beauchamp	1030	99	100
Netherton	737	55	55
North Piddle	797	110	114
Norton-juxta-Kempsey	1844	733	735
Peopleton	1539	249	254
Pinvin	1073	604	610
Pirton	1690	168	168
St.Peter the Great, Worcester	441	95	100
Spetchley	780	82	110
Stoulton	1959	404	410
Strensham	1970	152	154
Throckmorton	1522	976	993
Upton Snodsbury	1691	314	320
White Ladies Aston	1236	240	242
Whittington	1052	360	364
Wick	1682	311	312
Wyre Piddle	381	308	308
TOTAL	57,801	16,355	16,860

Industries of Area.

The main industry of the area is agriculture, Carbon, Canning and Engineering and other small industrial units are also situated in the district.

VITAL STATISTICS.

(1957 figures in brackets)

POPULATION 860 - 1958 16,440 - 1957)

LIVE BIRTHS.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Legitimate	139 (131)	113 (144)	252 (275)
Illegitimate	7 (8)	3 (9)	10 (17)
	146 (139)	116 (153)	262 (292)

Birth Rate. (Births per 1,000 Population)

	1958	1957	1956	1957 - Eng. Wales.
Crude	15.5	17.7	18.4	16.4 (16.1)
Comparability Factor	1.05	1.05	1.05	
Standardised	16.3	18.6	19.3	16.4 (16.1)

Illegitimacy Rate. (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 total live births):-

1958	1957	1956
38.1	58.2	30.6

STILL BIRTHS.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Legitimate	3 (-)	2 (4)	5 (4)
Illegitimate	- -	- -	- -
	3 (-)	2 (4)	5 (4)

Still Birth Rate (Still births per 1,000 total live and still births):-

1958	1957	1956	1958 (England & Wales)
18.7	13.5	30.6	(22.4)

DEATHS.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
	80 (104)	73 (89)	153 (193)

Death Rate. (Deaths per 1,000 population):-

	1958	1957	1956	1958 England & Wales.
Crude	9.07	11.7	10.8	11.7 (11.5)
Comparability Factor	1.00	1.02	1.01	
Standardised	9.07	11.9	10.9	11.7 (11.5)

G.R.O. Circular (M.O.H.) No. 2/1958 (Para.3) stated that:-

"From January 1st, 1958, a death in a chronic Sick or Mental Hospital will be assigned to the area of occurence only if the deceased has been there for six months or more. If the deceased had been there less than six months, the death will be transferred to the area of usual residence, if any. The modifications described in G.R.O. Circular (M.O.H.) No. 2/1954 are superseded and all hospitals for the chronic sick will be treated alike for transfer purposes"

Avonside General Hospital in the Borough of Evesham has a large chronic sick unit. This unit takes in a considerable number of Chronic Sick patients from outside the Borough. Deaths among these patients resident six months or more in the hospital were assigned to the Borough for statistical purposes, thus increasing the total number of deaths occurring in the Borough with a corresponding increase in the death rate.

A number of Chronic Sick patients from the Pershore Rural District are admitted to Avonside General Hospital, Evesham. The deaths of those resident therefor longer than six months were assigned to the Evesham Borough. The lowered death rate of Pershore Rural District which is two per thousand less than the rate last year, which was equal to that for England & Wales for 1958, may, in part, be attributed to this factor.

Major Causes of Deaths. (by percentages):-

	1958	1957	1956
1. Disease of the Circulatory System	51.6%	55.4%	55.1%
2. Malignant Disease (all forms)	17.6%	17.5%	13.5%
3. Respiratory Disease (Excluding T.B.)	7.1%	6.2%	11.4%
4. Accidents	3.9%	3.6%	2.7%
5. Tuberculosis (all forms)	Nil	0.5%	1.0%

MATERNAL DEATHS.

Maternal Mortality (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 total live and still births):-

1958	1957	1956	1958 England & Wales.	
Nil	Nil	Nil	0.43	(0.47)

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATHS.

Infant deaths (under 1 year of age).

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Legitimate	1 (3)	- (2)	1 (5)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	1 (3)	- (2)	1 (5)

Neonatal deaths (under 4 weeks of age)

Legitimate	1 (2)	- (1)	1 (3)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	1 (2)	- (1)	1 (3)

Infant and Neonatal Mortality Rates:-

	1958	1957	1956	1958 (Eng. & Wales)	
Deaths of Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	3.3	18.2	13.1		
Deaths of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	Nil	Nil		
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 total live births	3.2	10.8	12.7	16.2	(16.5)
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 total live births	3.2	17.4	12.7	22.5	(23.0)

Causes of Infant Deaths.	1958	1957
Congenital Malformation	1 (Neonatal	1
Prematurity	-	1
Pneumonitis	-	3 (Neonatal)

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN THE PERSHORE RURAL DISTRICT 1958.

CAUSE OF DEATH	M.	F.	TOTAL	MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective & parastic diseases	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2	4	0.24
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3	0.18
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4	0.24
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	0.06
14. Othe malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	6	14	0.83
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1	2	0.12
16. Diabetes	-	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	9	20	1.18
18. Coronary disease, angina	11	3	14	.83
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	4	5	.30
20. Other heart disease	22	24	46	2.71
21. Other circulatory disease	-	4	4	0.24
22. Influenza	2	-	2	0.12
23. Pneumonia	1	4	5	0.30
24. Bronchitis	4	2	6	0.35
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1	0.06
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1	1	0.06
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1	0.06
28. Nephritis and neophrosis	1	1	2	0.12
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	0.06
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformation	1	-	1	0.06
32. Other defined and ildefined disease	5	4	9	0.53
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2	0.12
34. All other accidents.	2	2	4	0.24
35. Suicide	1	-	1	0.06
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	80	73	153	9.07

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

a) Clinic and Treatment Services:

Clinic	Situation	Time of Holding
Bishampton C.W.C.	Village Hall, Bishampton	4th Tuesday 2.30.p.m.
Bredon C.W.C.	Village Hall, Bredon.	4th Friday 2.30p.m.
Eckington. C.W.C.	Village Hall Eckington	2nd Friday 2.30.p.m.
Fladbury C.W.C.	Parish Hall, Fladbury	1st & 3rd Thursdays 2.30.p.m.
Norton C.W.C.	Stoulton Hostel, Stoulton	2nd & 4th Tuesdays 2.15.p.m.
Pershore C.W.C.	W.I. Hall, Priest Lane, Pershore	1st & 3rd Wednesday 2.p.m.

b) Health Visitors.

c) Midwifery: Home Nursing

These agencies provided the Midwifery Services:-

(1) The Executive Council through the family doctor - ante and post-natal care and home confinements.

(2) The County Council - district nurse/midwives; ante and post-natal care, maternity nursing at home confinements.

(3) The Regional Hospital Board - hospitals for delivery and treatment.

The County Council provided nurse/midwives who attended general nursing and midwifery cases in the home. These nurses also acted as Health Visitors in their districts.

Parishes were served by nurses as follows:-

Parish	Nurse stationed at	Parish	Nurse stationed at
Bricklehampton, Elmley Castle, Netherton, Little Comberton, Great Comberton.	Little Comberton	Defford, Besford, Pirton	Earls Croome
St. Peter the Great	Kempsey	Broughton Hackett, Upton Snodsbury, Kington, Dormston, Grafton Flyford	Cookhill
Norton-juxta-Kempsey, White Ladies Aston, Spetchley, Bredicot, Churchill	Stoulton	Abberton, Bishampton, Flyford Flavel, Naunton Beauchamp, North Piddle, Peopleton	Bishampton

Parish	Nurse stationed at	Parish	Nurse stationed at
Drakes Broughton)			
Wadborough)		Pershore)	
Stoulton)	Stoulton	Birlingham)	Pershore
Whittington)		Pinvin)	
		Strensham)	
		Wick)	
Bredon)			
Bredons Norton)	Eckington	Charlton)	
Eckington)		Cropthorne)	
		Fladbury)	Fladbury
		Hill & Moor)	
		Throckmorton)	
		Wyre Piddle)	

d) School Health Services

Provided by the County Council.

e) Laboratory Facilities

The County Council provided a laboratory for the chemical and bacteriological analysis of water, milk and other foods.

The Public Health Laboratory Service provided at The Royal Infirmary, Worcester, facilities for the bacteriological examination of specimens in connection with the diagnosis and prevention of spread of infectious disease.

f) Hospital Services.

Infectious Disease	Newtown Hospital, Worcester. Little Bromwich Fever Hospital Birmingham. Hayley Green Hospital, Halesowen.
Tuberculosis	Newtown Hospital, Worcester. Knightswick Sanatorium. St.Wulstan's Hospital, Malvern.
Maternity.	Avonside Hospital, Evesham. Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester.
Children's Diseases	Worcester Royal Infirmary.
Venereal Disease	Worcester Royal Infirmary.
General	Pershore Cottage Hospital. Worcester Royal Infirmary. Tewkesbury Hospital. Cheltenham General Hospital.
Aged Sick.	Avonside Hospital, Evesham.

g) Diphtheria Immunisation and Smallpox Vaccination Service.

This was provided by the County Council. Locally it was administered by the Pershore Rural District Council.

h) Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

The County Council commenced to provide Poliolmyelitis Vaccination to certain age groups during the year.

i) Ambulance Service.

This was provided by the County Council. One ambulance was stationed in Pershore.

j) Home and Domestic Help Service.

This was conducted through the agency of the W.V.S. for the County Council by Mrs. A.H. Jackson who is to be complimented on a very valuable and efficient service.

Mrs. Jackson reports as follows:-

By 31st December, 1958, there were:-

3 Part time Home Helps (all mobile)
4 " " " " working in their own villages.
12 occasional " "

Number of patients visited in 1958.

Maternity cases	18
Tuberculosis cases.	0
Chronic cases	25
Others	22

(Note: Chronics are patients who have been having help for three months or longer.

There were 4 households with 2 patients in each. 2 problem families were helped.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

A summary of Sanitary Inspections is given in the statistics at the end of the report.

2. Water Supply.

A total of 4,731 houses with a population of 14,454 is supplied from the public mains.

Mains water from the Cheltenham, Worcester & Coventry Corporations augment the local main supply.

There is no evidence of plumbo-solvency in the district.

Analysis		Public Water Supplies		
Bacteriological Examination	34	Satisfactory	34)	Including Independent
		Unsatisfactory	-)	Parish Spring Supplies
Chemical Examination	4	Satisfactory	4)	
		Unsatisfactory	-)	

PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

Analysis - Well Water.

Number of samples submitted for analysis - 45

Bacteriological Examination	Satisfactory	9
	Unsatisfactory	23
Chemical	Satisfactory	8
	Unsatisfactory	5

WATER ANALYSIS.

SOURCE OF SUPPLY	OVERBURY	BREDON	LITTLEWORTH	COVENTRY	TEWKESBURY/ OVERBURY MIXTURE	WORCESTER CITY.
Physical Characters.						
Odour	None	None	None	Chlorine	None	None
Deposit	Slight	Nil	White	Nil	Brown	Slight
pH.	7.9	8.2	7.8	8.2	7.8	7.7
Chemical Examination.						
+ Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C.)	-	-	Trace	Nil	Trace	Nil
+ Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C.)	250	270	500	330	250	260
+ Solids in Solution after Ignition	225	240	385	290	210	225
+ Chlorine expressed as Chloride	21	19	24	74	34	44
+ Hardness Non-carbonate	50	90	65	60	50	55
+ Hardness Carbonate	130	130	370	90	90	90
+ Hardness Total	180	220	435	150	140	145
+ Ammoniacal Nitrogen	Trace	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
+ Albuminoid Nitrogen	Trace	Trace	Trace	0.09	0.07	0.04
+ Nitrate Nitrogen	4.5	4.9	8.2	3.3	6.2	3.3
+ Nitrite Nitrogen	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.01	Nil	Nil
+ Oxygen Absorbed in 4 hrs at 27°C.	0.15	Nil	0.13	1.45	0.92	1.45
+ Toxic Metals	None detected	None detected	None detected	None detected	None detected	None detected
Bacteriological Examination.						
Probable number of coliform bacilli, MacConkey 2 days 37°C per 100 m.l.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Probable number of faecal coli per 100 m.l.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

+ Expressed in parts per million.

WATER SUPPLY

PARISH	FROM PUBLIC MAINS		FROM PRIVATE SUPPLIES		SOURCE OF PUBLIC SUPPLY
	No. of dwelling houses.	Population	No. of dwelling Houses	Population	
1. Abberton.	15	63	3	12	Ex Worcester City.
2. Besford.	39	363	9	30	Overbury/Tewkesbury.
3. Birlingham.	77	252	22	70	Overbury/Tewkesbury
4. Bishampton.	92	304	4	12	Ex Worcester City.
5. Bredicot.	8	30	2	6	Ex Worcester City.
6. Bredon.	422	965	25	76	Bredon Hill/Overbury/Tewkesbury
7. Bredon's Norton.	44	120	17	52	Overbury/Tewkesbury
8. Bricklehampton.	41	136	18	60	Coventry.
9. Broughton Hackett.	39	120	10	30	Worcester City.
10. Charlton	109	372	28	90	Worcester City.
11. Churchill.	9	24	2	6	Worcester City.
12. Comberton, Great	63	196	12	40	Coventry
13. Comberton, Little	76	216	4	14	Coventry
14. Cropthorne	140	357	23	63	Worcester City.
15. Defford	136	412	18	54	Overbury/Tewkesbury
16. Dormston	18	58	4	12	Worcester City
17. Eckington	143	578	36	108	Overbury/Tewkesbury
18. Elmley Castle	53	142	61	180	Coventry.
19. Fladbury	149	448	41	144	Worcester City.
20. Flyford Flavel.	38	126	0	0	Worcester City.
21. Grafton Flyford.	48	185	5	17	Worcester City.
22. Hill & Moor	132	405	15	45	Worcester City.
23. Pershore.	1576	3875	11	30	Overbury/Tewkesbury/Worcester
24. Kington	52	98	6	18	Worcester City.
25. Naunton Beauchamp	26	91	3	9	Worcester City.
26. Netherton	9	45	2	10	Coventry
27. North Piddle	31	105	3	9	Worcester City.
28. Norton-Juxta-Kempsey	119	387	116	348	Worcester City(Borehole Littleworth)
29. Peopleton	95	250	1	4	Worcester City.
30. Pinvin	150	590	6	20	Worcester City.
31. Pirton	3	10	45	158	-
32. St. Peter the Great, Worcester	8	30	16	70	Worcester City.

PARISH	FROM PUBLIC MAINS		FROM PRIVATE SUPPLIES		SOURCE OF PUBLIC SUPPLY
	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	
33. Spetchley	16	48	19	62	Worcester City
34. Stoulton	118	355	19	55	Worcester City
35. Strensham	0	0	56	154	-
36. Throckmorton	26	983	3	10	Worcester City
37. Upton Snodsbury	89	262	18	58	Worcester City
38. White Ladies Aston	51	160	28	82	Worcester City
39. Whittington	108	334	10	30	Worcester City
40. Wick	83	297	4	15	Coventry
41. Wyre Piddle	108	290	6	18	Worcester City
42. Drakes Broughton & Wadborough	173	372	31	125	Worcester City
TOTALS	4,731	14,454	751	2,460	

Drainage and Sewerage.

The following are the Sewage Disposal Works situated in the district:-

Bredon -	Combined system, with primary settlememt and effluent disposed by land irrigation.
Drakes Broughton -	Gravity works with settlement and filtration
Pershore (3)	Nogains & R.R.E. Defford Road, Sewage works pumping settlement and filtration. Station Road, Surface aeration system.
Cropthorne -	Sewage works with pumping, settlement and filtration.
Eckington -	Partially separate system, with pumping, settlement and filtration.
Defford -	Gravity works with settlement and filtration.
Littleworth -	Sewage works with pumping, settlement and filtration.
Sneachill -	Gravity works with settlements and filtration.
Broughton Hackett -	Gravity system with settlement and filtration.
Upton Snodsbury -	Sewage works with pumping, settlement and filtration.
Kington -	Sewage works with pumping, settlement & filtration.
Whittington -	Gravity works with settlement and filtration.
Wick -	Sewage works with pumping, settlement and filtration.

The general position with regard to proposed schemes for sewers and sewage disposal at the end of the year was as follows:-

Pershore Sewerage & Sewage Disposal Scheme.

This scheme comprises the Town of Pershore, the Hamlet of Pensham and the Parishes of Pinvin, Wyre and Wick.

In November, 1958 the Council accepted the Programme of their Consulting Engineers, namely, that the scheme would be ready for submission to the Ministry by July, 1959. Tenders to be invited in December, 1959 and a start on the scheme made in March/April 1960. The Contract will take about 2½ years to complete.

Cropthorne Sewerage & Sewage Disposal Scheme.

Stage II providing sewerage to the village was commenced in January 1958 and by the end of the year 29 properties had been connected to the public sewer.

The completion of this scheme will clear up many outstanding nuisances as will also be the case when the other scheme which are in hand are completed.

Lower Moor Sewerage & Sewage Disposal Scheme.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Governemtn has approved the acceptance of a tender for the village (population 504).

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Refuse Collection and disposal was carried out throughout the district under the direction of the Public Health Department.

Fortnightly collections are given throughout the country districts and weekly in the town of Pershore.

Contracts for refuse collection have also been undertaken with the Norton Barracks and R.R.E. Pershore.

Three refuse vehicles were in use during the year.

Paper continued to be salvaged during the year, the revenue amounting to £812 compared with £796 during 1957. Scrap metal and other materials are also recovered.

There is a pressing need for a further tipping area on which controlled tipping can be undertaken.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

Housing Position at the end of 1958.	1958.	1957.
Estimated population	16860	(16440)
Units of accommodation	5482	(5466)
Number of persons per unit of accommodation	3.0	(3.5)
Number of dwellings built by Council	240	(84)
Total number of Council Houses built post-war	1038	(798)
Estimated number of caravan dwellings.	40	(37)
Estimated number of Council Houses applicants	329	(416)

For further housing statistics see Pages 20 & 21.

The Council completed the 1000th post war house during 1958. The number of applicants for Council Houses have been considerably reduced, the figure of 329 including a large percentage who are already tenants of houses but wish to have a Council House in order to obtain better amenities or to leave tied houses.

During the year 85 Slum Clearance cases were rehoused making a total of 122 since the Slum Clearance Programme was started.

The Council are pressing on with Slum Clearance and hope to complete the same within a reasonable time.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Routine inspections of food premises were continued during the year, and every effort was made to ensure the clean and safe handling of food-stuffs.

Food Poisoning. No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

There are the following food premises in the district:-

Grocers	-	41
Greengrocery	-	11
Sweet Shops	-	9
Butchers	-	9
Bakers and Confectioners	-	9
Fried Fish Shops	-	2
Wet Fish Shops	-	2
Cafe's	-	11
Licences Premises including Clubs		63

Food preparation premises in the district are inspected regularly.

Milk Supply.

8 Dairymen (other than cowkeepers) are registered.
16 Inspections were made during the year.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955.

Condemnations.

The following foods have been voluntarily surrendered, inspected and condemned:-

Apples	6765 lbs.
Baked Beans	4-16oz. tins.
Corned Beef	20-12oz. tins.
Corned Beef	1- 6lb. tin.
Duck	1-3½lb. dressed duck.
Lamb	46lb. English lamb.
Nestles Milk	4-2 pint tins.
Peaches	14-5 Kilo tins.
Peaches	2-29oz. tins.
Pineapple	4-16oz.tins.
Pork Luncheon Meat	3-7oz. tins.
Prunes	2144 lbs.
Salmon	1-7¾ oz. tin
Smoked Cod Fillets	2½ stone.
Tomatoes	5-35oz. tins.

MEAT INSPECTIONS.

The following animals have been slaughtered and inspected. Conditions have been satisfactory.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	336	13	13	1647	474	-
Number inspected	336	13	13	1647	474	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole caracases condemned	-	-	-	7	3	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	39	4	-	46	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis & Cysticerci	11.6	30.8	-	3.21	.63	-
Tuberculosis Only: Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caracases of which some part or orgen was condemned	9	1	-	-	14	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	2.6	7.6	-	-	2.95	-
Cysticercosis Caracases of which some Part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caracases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

(1) Inspection for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

PREMISES	NUMBER ON REGISTER	INSPECTIONS	WRITTEN NOTICES	OWNER PROSECUTED.
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	4	4	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7, is enforced by the Local Authority	47	20	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworker's premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	51	24	-	-

(2) Cases in which defects were found:-

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED		
			To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (a) insufficient	4	4	-	4	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER offences against the Act(Not including offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L S	6	6	-	4	-

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES - SECTION 110 & 111

There were no instances of this during the year.

PREVALANCE OF, AND CONTROL, OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Disease, 1957.

DISEASE.	Corrected Notifications	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Smallpox	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	-	-
Measles	248	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meninggitis	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Polio-Encephalitis	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Food Poisonihg	-	-	-
TOTAL	255	-	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows:-

Primary Immunisation.

Under 5 years old	-	156
5 - 14 years old	-	2
		158
Re-inforcing (Booster) infections	-	82

The "Immunisation State" of children in the Rural District on 31st December, 1958 was as follows:-

Age at 31/12/58, i.e. Born in year.	Under 1 1958.	1-4 1954-1957	5-9 1949-1953	10-14 1944-1948	Under 15 Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) a. 1953 - 1957.	11	488	640	68	1207
b. 1952 or earlier	-	-	619	991	1610
No. of Births	262	1,161	-	-	-

SMALLPOX.

No cases of smallpox were reported

Number of persons Vaccinated (or Revaccinated) During 1957:-

Age at 31/12/58 i.e.born in year	Under 1 1958	1 1957	-2-4 1954-1955	5-14 1944-1953	15 & Over 1943	Total
Number Vaccinated	81	3	6	2	2	94
Number Revaccinated	-	1	1	1	4	7

The figure of 81 was 29.2% of the average number of babies born in the two years 1957-1958 which was 277.

TUBERCULOSIS - Sex and age of new cases & deaths during 1958.

AGE	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	5+	-	-	-	-	-	-

+ 1 Female age unknown

Cases in Register at the 31st December, 1958.

	M.	F.	TOTAL
Pulmonary	55	50	105
Non-Pulmonary	-	3	3
TOTAL	55	53	108

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR (OTHER THAN HOUSING)

Number of premises visited	600 (approx)
Defects or nuisance found	26
Defects or nuisance abated	26
Number of Informal Notices served	26
Number of Statutory Notices served	-
New drainage to sewers	50
New drainage to septic tanks	33
Drains repaired	-
Obstructed drains cleared	30 (approx)
Drains tested	83
Number of insanitary lavatories, sink and urinals dealt with	-

Number of shops visited	-
Cases under Shops Act, 1934 (informal)	-
Number of Factories inspected	24

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) by Local Authority	240
(b) by other Local Authorities	-
(c) by other bodies or persons	29

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	58
(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation.	50
(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the proceeding subheadings) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	8

Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	7

Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	-

Proceedings under Section 17 of Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	41
(2) Closing Orders in lieu of Demolition Orders	4
(3) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	47
(4) Undertakings not to relet	4

Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Number of Closing Orders in respect of parts of buildings.	1

NEW HOUSING.

The Council have built 240 new houses and 29 have been built privately.

Total Post-War Development:-

Local Authority Development	1038
Private Development	353
Total Houses owned by Local Authority	1422

Applicants rehoused in Permanent Houses:-

Parish	New Houses	Re-lets	Total
Pershore	167		
	20 Flats	28	215
Besford	-	1	1
Bredon	9	4	13
Broughton Hackett	4	-	4
Cropthorne	11	3	14
Defford	-	4	4
Drakes Broughton	-	1	1
Eckington	6 Bungalows		
	15	2	23
Elmley Castle	-	2	2
Norton	8	1	9
Pinvin	-	3	3
Peopleton	-	1	1
Stoulton	-	1	1
Throckmorton	-	1	1
Wick	-	1	1
Wyre	-	1	1
	240	54	294

Exchanges of Tenancies

13 Exchanges involving 26 families		26	26
Transfers of Tenancies		19	19
	240	99	339
Relets Temporary Accommodation		4	4
	240	103	343

Number of Cases overcrowding relieved 125.

Number of Applicants for Housing Accommodation at 31.12.58.

No. of applicants with separate accommodation	208
No. of applicants at present living outside the district	83
No. of applicants sharing accommodation	92
	383

(Note this total includes applicants who have applied for more than one Parish and the actual number of applicants at 31.12.58 is 329.)

Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants.

34 Applications have been approved during the year making a total of 198 since the Act came into force. The number of dwellings involved was 232 up to 31.12.58, the Council have paid out grants amounting to over £35,000.

Many dwellings have been renovated and improved which undoubtedly would have in due course had to be dealt with as Slum Clearance.

Rodent Control.

Number of infestations dealt with at private premises	-	1420
Number of infestations dealt with on Business premises	-	26
Number of other infestations dealt with	-	13
Number of complaints received	-	72

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